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Please see attached amendment responsive to Examiner's office action mailed 10/12/2004 for U.S. Application Serial No. 09/990,629.

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Case No. 00RO23854286

MS Amendment  
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P.O. Box 1450  
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In re Application of: **MARIAUD ET AL.**

Serial No.: **09/990,629**

Filed: **NOVEMBER 16, 2001**

For: **DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING A VOLTAGE  
APPLIED TO A DATA CONDUCTOR IN A SERIAL LINK**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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In re Patent Application of:  
MARIAUD ET AL.

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Filing Date: DECEMBER 16, 2001

For: DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY  
CONTROLLING A VOLTAGE APPLIED  
TO A DATA CONDUCTOR IN A  
SERIAL LINK

) Examiner: Nitin PATEL

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please consider the remarks set out below.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this filing.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this filing.